# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Donald Dean Rounds was born August 1, 1927, the eighth of ten children, to Marion and Mary (Engebos) Rounds, in Iroquois, South Dakota, and was raised by John and Georgiana Kauth on a farm near Cavour; and,

***Whereas***, Don joined the South Dakota National Guard in 1948, served active duty in Alaska during the Korean War, and retired as a Major in 1982; and,

***Whereas***, Don is a graduate of Cavour High School and Huron College. He taught school and coached in Cavour, Kennebec, Yale and Hitchcock until he moved his family to Pierre in 1957 to be the State Highway Safety Director, a position he held until 1971. Don also worked for the South Dakota Rural Electric Association and was Executive Director of the South Dakota Petroleum Council until he retired in 1995. After retirement, he served for 10 years as Sergeant-at-Arms in the South Dakota State Senate; and,

***Whereas***, Don is known as a topnotch official of high school basketball and football, as well as an inspirational public speaker. He has served his community as a member of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Exchange Club, Rawlins Library Board, Countryside Hospice Board of Directors, Board of Military Affairs, and the Board of Water and Natural Resources. Don is committed to Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church as a communion minister, lecturer, usher, CCD teacher and as a member of St. Joseph's Home and School Association and the Knights of Columbus, which chose his family as "Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year" in 1987 and 2007; and,

***Whereas***, Don married Joyce Reinartz on May 9, 1953, at St. Martin's Church in Huron, South Dakota, and to this union, ten sons and one daughter were born: Mike, Michele, Dennis, Doug, Tim, Dan, Tom, Pat, Steve, Scott and Jamie. All eleven children have at least one degree from a South Dakota institution of higher education; and,

***Whereas***, Don and Joyce shared 34 happy years together until Joyce passed away in 1987. Don married Rosemary Scarborough on August 4, 1988, at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Pierre, South Dakota, uniting two families, including the children of Rosemary and the late Marlin Scarborough: Michelle, Marc and Ryan. Together, Don and Rosemary rejoice in their 28 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; and,

***Whereas***, It is only fitting and proper that my father celebrate his 80th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and family gather to honor him and celebrate his life on July 7, 2007; and it is fitting and proper for me to make note of this milestone in the life of my father, who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate and to recognize him for his many contributions to his family and to this state:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2007, as

## *DON ROUNDS DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State